## LETTERS FROM AFRICA.

DR. JAMES HALL:

Dear Sir,—The following extracts which I have made from the original letters now in my possession, kindly lent to me for the purpose, are such complete refutations of the slanderous reports put in circulation by certain returned emigrants from Liberia, that I offer them for publication, with the consent, and at the request of, the parties to whom they were written. Respectfully yours, &c.

Baltimore, Sept. 18, 1855.

JOHN SEYS.

To Mr. TIMOTHY SANDERS, OAK ORCHARD, Frederick County, Maryland:

> CAPE PALMAS, STATE OF MARYLAND, ? WESTERN AFRICA, Feb. 28, 1855.

Dear Father:

We received your letter yesterday, and were very glad to hear that you were all enjoying good health. We are pretty well at the present time and

hope that this will find you well and all the family.

thank God that I am in a free country, and very well satisfied. I must say that I feel as free as a king does upon his throne, and thankful for the many enjoyments and free privileges that I have even to-day. Give my best respects to Enoch Sanders, and tell him if he wants to be a free man, he must come to Africa. There is no one who knows the sweets of freedom but those who enjoy it. Give my compliments to brother John Jackson, and tell him I am well and still fighting in the glorious army, and also to brother Singleton Hughes, and tell him we had a pentecostal shower last September—some fifty or sixty persons converted and joined the different churches. We have churches here and very fine schools, and the glorious news of the Gospel is taking its spread over this vast continent. My son Benjamin has joined the church. He is a scholar at the High School, and is learning very fast indeed. He can read very well, and perhaps will write

Harriet says to her aged father: "According to my mind I would not like to see your face in Africa, because I think you have suffered enough. I was very thankful to you all for writing to us, and having the pleasure of hearing satisfactorily from you. I am satisfied to hear from you, and if I never see you more in the flesh, I feel satisfied I shall see your face in Heaven.

"We were very happy to receive the presents sent by you. They all came safe to hand, and when the barrel was opened and I took a pinch of snuff, I had a shout; but when I saw my mother's dress, my heart was struck with

To MR. DANNER.

"Dear Sir,-I thank you for your instructions. Please to get me a good second-handed rifle, and I will try and satisfy you by sending you some coffee. I want you and father-in-law to attend to this thing if you please. When I was in the United States, Mr. Seys promised me a broad axe. would like to have one, and would be glad if he would send it to me, as it is something which is scarce here, and I need one very much, and give my love to him and tell him I am enjoying pretty good health, and we are all very well satisfied. I am in a free land, and have rights and free privileges, and can worship Almighty God to the dictates of our own consciences."

"I understand Thomas Smith who returned back, brought a bad report from the land. But if I understand reports right, he has most inveterately lied, and is a most inveterate liar, and I can prove it. He said we had no schools nor laws here, and that it was hot enough to broil meat in the sun. He reported that Joe Jackson was crazy and gone away in the woods .-These are not true. We have four schools right in the settlement, and our American children there go and learn what they like. We have laws and courts quarterly, just like they have in America. About it being so hot here, it is warm in this country at times as it is in other countries. It is cool enough here sometimes to wear as thick yarn clothes, as we do sometimes in America. About his saying Joe Jackson was crazy, that is not true either; Joe Jackson is as well, and got as good sense as he, and better. I trust you will all try and keep such liars out of our country, for their own good and

"This is all at present I have to say to you. You must write by every opportunity. Farewell! Farewell! in a distant land! If I never see you more in the flesh, I trust that we shall meet in Heaven.

I remain, respectfully,

Your son-in-law, SAMUEL NELSON."

To MRS. NANCY SANDERS.

CAPE PALMAS, Feb. 18, 1855.

Dear Mother: I take the present opportunity to write you a few lines to inform you of our health and how we are getting along. We are all well at present. have taken it upon myself to write to you to satisfy your mind. I know that father is satisfied, but I wish to satisfy you that I am in Africa, and well, and do not desire to come back to stay again. I think very hard of you not answering my letters. I have a silver ring for you, which I will send by the first opportunity. All of our four children are going to school and are well. Benjamin is in the mission, and doing much better than he did while

Thomas Smith says that there is no schools nor laws? That is not so; for we have a number of schools and excellent laws. To convince you that I am in Africa, I send you a piece of the dress that I gave you the cape off. I have my yard set off very nice with flowers, which I will send you a few of to see. The next vessel, or the first time we can make it suit, we will send you some coffee. Mother, please send me a set of knitting needles and a sister-for such things are scarce here. Father said that he had some things to send us. We thank him very much, and would be glad to receive anything he might send. I am truly thankful to hear that you are all living. There were only three that died of our expedition.

Martha Owens is doing very well, and so is Betty. Mr. Joseph Jackson and family are quite well. William Fisher stands in Mr. McGill's store, and is doing well. Dennis Matthews is going to sea. I have been invited to two Christmas dinners and one tea. I went to one dinner and one tea.

Your affectionate daughter,

HARRIET NELSON.

The reports of such sellows as Smith and the book of Nesbit, is a sufficient refutation of the oft repeated assertion that emigrants are not permitted to leave Liberia-There are at least twenty returned emigrants now living in this state—and poor enough they are too.—ED. JOURNAL.

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